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1. IN CONSIDERING HOW TO PROCEED, WE MUST CLEARLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF PARTIES. ON EGYPTIAN SIDE, AS REPORTED REFS A AND B, THERE ARE MIXED VIEWS. DESPITE ISRAELI RESPONSES, SADAT STILL SEEMS WILLING GO AHEAD WITH OUR EARLIER PROPOSED SCENARIO CALLING FOR LONDON MEETING JUNE 25-28. KAMEL WILL GO IF INSTRUCTED, BUT THINKS SUCH A MEETING COMING LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER WHAT EGYPTIANS PERCEIVE AS TOTALLY INADEQUATE ISRAELI REPLIES WILL BE DEVASTATING TO EGYPT'S POSITION IN ARAB, AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED WORLDS. INSTEAD, HE SUGGESTS POSTPONEMENT UNTIL ADEQUATE GROUNDWORK CAN BE LAID WITH ARABS FOR EGYPTIAN ATTENDANCE AT SUCH A MEETING OR, WHAT HE WOULD PREFER, A REVERSAL OF OUR SCENARIO SO THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD FIRST MAKE A TRIP TO THE AREA AFTER WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER COULD CALL FOR SUCH A MEETING.

2. GIVEN SADAT'S PRESENT POSITIVE ATTITUDE, THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR STRIKING WHILE THE IRON IS HOT. ON
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OTHER HAND, DESPITE AN ELEMENT OF PATHOS IN KAMEL'S PLEA, HE HAS A POINT WHEN HE ARGUES THAT GOE'S AND SADAT'S REPUTATIONS WILL BE BADLY HURT IN ARAB WORLD (INCLUDING SAUDIS) IF GROUNDWORK IS NOT LAID AS TO REASONS FOR SUCH A MEETING AND THAT THIS WILL TAKE MORE THAN NEXT FEW DAYS. IN THEORY AT LEAST THIS WOULD ARGUE FOR POSTPONEMENT OF TWO-THREE WEEKS, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ADMITTEDLY RISKS IN

DOING SO. JUDGING FROM SAM LEWIS' COMMENTS CITED REF C, ISRAELI PREOCCUPATION NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO MIGHT ALSO MAKE THEM PREFER A SLIGHTLY LATER MEETING.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATION IS OF COURSE THE SECRETARY'S OWN SCHEDULE, SINCE EGYPTIANS WILL NOT ATTEND ANY SUCH MEETING UNLESS THE SECRETARY IS PERSONALLY PRESENT.

4. IF SUCH MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE, WHENEVER IT IS, I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO WEIGH IN WITH THE SAUDIS AND JORDANIANS (AND PERHAPS WITH THE SYRIANS FOR WHATEVER GOOD THAT MAY DO) TO IMPRESS UPON THEM WHY, DESPITE DISAPPOINTING NATURE ISRAELI REPLIES, WE HAVE ASKED SADAT TO STICK HIS NECK OUT AGAIN BY HAVING KAMEL PARTICIPATE IN SUCH MEETING. EGYPTIANS CANNOT CARRY THIS BALL ALONE AND I SUBMIT WE HAVE MORAL OBLIGATION TO ASSIST THEM IN THIS REGARD. PERHAPS SAM LEWIS' MEETING OF TODAY WITH DAYAN MAY PROVIDE MORE HELPFUL ARGUMENTS THAN WE PRESENTLY HAVE.

5. DO NOT KNOW WHETHER KAMEL'S REVERSAL SCENARIO, I.E. THE SECRETARY'S VISITING THE AREA FIRST, COMMENDS ITSELF TO DEPT. IF SO, SADAT MAY ALSO BE EXPECTED GO ALONG WITH THIS IDEA. EILTS

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